

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill would amend the Telecommunications Act of 1988, Idaho Code sections 62-606 and 62-622, by eliminating a requirement that telephone corporations file with the Public Utilities Commission tariffs or price lists for long distance and local exchange services they provide to business customers. Under current law, tariffs or price lists for interexchange services are filed "for information purposes" only, and the Public Utilities Commission does not regulate the prices for local exchange services provided by competitive telephone corporations. Instead of filing tariffs or price lists with the Commission, the bill would permit a telephone corporation to maintain the rates, terms and conditions of its services on its public website to which the Commission would also have access. On-line service guides offer customer convenience, as they provide an easily-accessible, single source of information about all of a carrier's services, and are easier to administer. The bill preserves the Commission's existing authority to resolve customer complaints.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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